Happy New Year! The academic year in the university cuts across the calendar year, so - unlike the rest of the world - we celebrate the New Year in August. This is also a time for reflection on the accomplishments and pleasures of summer as well as anticipation for the new school year and the courses, people and experiences that it will bring.

Typically over the summer, CAST faculty members are busy pursuing their summer research agendas, writing articles, attending conferences, and preparing their courses for the academic year. So for faculty, this is a time of transition from one mode of experience to another.

Our returning students have spent their summers traveling, doing summer course work and/or earning money from summer jobs. They will have to ‘turn their brains back on’ after a summer away from the daily academic grind.

And new students - well, this is an especially exhilarating and magical time for them. Many are leaving or living away from home and families for the first time. So they approach the year with a certain degree of anxiety. And, their friends and routines are being left behind. All new students are entering a new and different society - the University - and joining a new community here at ISU. For those of us returning to CAST, we have a special responsibility in ensuring that our new friends, colleagues and students find their feet quickly and easily in this new year.

Whether staff or faculty, returning or new students, the new academic year provides opportunities and challenges for tremendous and satisfying experiences. Everyone in CAST is eager to offer a helping hand and support to make the year a successful one. We in the CAST Dean’s Office are especially anxious to help in whatever ways that we can. If there is anything that we can do to help you feel welcome and at home, give us a call or stop by Turner Hall 143.

All the best for a happy and successful 2004-05!!

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CAST RESEARCH OFFICE

Research Recognition Deadlines

The CAST Research Committee (CRC) consists of these members for this academic year: Kerry Tudor, AGR; Ed Wells, CJS; Marty Power, FCS; Barbara Becque, ITK; Dave Thomas, KNR; Tom Biema, HSC; and Dan Brown, TEC. The fall semester is a busy time for the Research Office and the CRC. During this time, outstanding scholars among graduate students and faculty in the college are determined. These competitions allow us to recognize those individuals who have participated in research activities that are truly exceptional in nature.

For the Outstanding Graduate Student Award, the deadline for materials to be sent to the CAST Research Office is Wednesday, September 1st, 4:00 p.m. Information related to application procedures for the Outstanding Graduate Student Award can be found on the web as well as by asking one’s CRC representative, Dept. Graduate Coordinator, or Dept. Chair as well as Assoc. Dean Gentry.
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The deadline for submitting application materials for the college-level Outstanding Researcher Award is Friday, October 15th, 4:00 p.m. Guidelines for this award can be obtained from Assoc. Dean Gentry, CRC representatives, and department chairpersons. Also see this website: http://www.cast.ilstu.edu/Research/cast_outstanding_researcher_award_guidelines.htm

For those faculty who anticipate preparing and submitting a University Research Grant this fall, the CAST guidelines for this award can be found among the CAST Research Office web pages at http://www.cast.ilstu.edu/Research/urg.htm. Department chairpersons and CRC representatives from each department have a copy of the guidelines in their possession as well. A copy of the guidelines has accompanied at least one message on this topic put out on castlistserv. Faculty new to CAST this fall, as well as those arriving last fall, will be invited to a workshop—tentatively set for Thursday, October 7th. The deadline for submitting URG proposals to the CAST Research Office is Monday, November 1st.

The familiar 3-page summary on blue paper mailed a week or so before Thanksgiving will also be dispensed in an electronic format to those faculty who will request it. The deadline for submission of URG proposals to CAST this fall, as well as those arriving late, is December 7th. The CAST website will soon offer application and guidance materials online. More information about this opportunity will be dispensed steadily, yet cautiously, until any change in stability is noted.

Department of Agriculture

Doug Morrish and agriculture education undergrads April Davis, Shannon Murphy, Meredith Caldwell, and Kara Nelson helped with recruitment activities at the State FFA Convention held during June in Springfield where Dr. Morrish also received the Illinois FFA Association-Illinois FFA Board of Directors Professional Service and Leadership Award. Doug was also a judge for the FFA State Agriscience Fair held in conjunction with the State Convention.

The ISU Wind Energy Team, Dave Loomis-Economics, Dave Kennell-Technology, and Doug Kingman-Agriculture, received a grant of $500,000 from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation in June for the construction of a 82M-tall turbine at the ISU farm.

Kara Nelson (undergrad) and Doug Kingman attended the National Institute of Farm Safety Conference in Keystone, Co and presented a peer-reviewed paper "Development of a Web-based version of the Farm Grain Hazard Assessment Tool." Dr. Kingman also presented a poster, "Liberty Tube (TM) - Prototype Plastic Grain Rescue Tube" at the conference.

The Kingman’s celebrated the birth of their 4th child, Corey Michael, on July 15. Mother and child are both doing well.

Recently Published


Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

Dr. Connor Walters and Dr. Nikki Raimondi published an article entitled "Training family therapists to work with children: Competence, relevance, and interest ratings in the field of family therapy" in the May-June Issue of the American Journal of Family Therapy.

Dr. Connor Walters was an invited presenter at the 2004 World Conference on Play and Child Psychotherapy in Chichester, England. June 17, 2004. The title of her presentation was "Developmental Aspects of Therapeutic Play with Children and Families".

Dr. Connor Walters presented "Mentoring New Faculty Scholars" at the 2004 Conference for Carnegie Doctoral/Research Intensive Institutions, Normal, IL, July 12, 2004.

Dr. Connor Walters served as an invited panel member for a discussion of "Viability of Family and Consumer Sciences Programs in Higher Education" at the annual meeting of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, San Diego, CA, June 28, 2004. Other participants included Dean Sharon Nickels, University of Georgia; Dean Penny Ralston, Florida State University; and President Patricia Slade, Texas Southern University. Eighteen students in Apparel Merchandising & Design and 19 students in Interior & Environmental Design enrolled in an educational travel study to London & Paris, May 11 - May 22, 2004. They were able to visit many professional sites not open to the public. Faculty Connie Dyar, Julianne Trautmann, Margaret Ann Hayden, and Connor Walters also traveled with the students.

Department of Military Science

The Military Science department will be short two instructors at the beginning of the Fall 2004 semester. SFC Al Warnement, MS 220 instructor, has retired from the Army. His retirement ceremony will be held on September 10. Al will be attending school at Heartland College where he will be a Nursing major.

MAJ James Keith, MS 112 instructor, has been deployed for fifteen months to Ft Polk, LA where he will be training soldiers that will deploy to different destinations.

Presented at the National Agricultural Education Research Conference, St. Louis, MO.

Morrish, D. G. (2004). Sixth grade business/education partnerships: A creative partnership to give today’s youth a stronger future

Presented at the American Agricultural Economics Association Meeting, Denver, CO.


Department of Health Sciences

Four environmental health students (Anthony Arms, Adam Fillmore, Alex Berger, and Caity Ford) and Dr. George Byrns attended the annual American Industrial Hygiene Association and Exposition in Atlanta, May 9-13, 2004.


Drs. Tom Bierma and Frank Waterstraat had two books published this summer by Solutions International. Dr. Jennie Gilbert served as training coordinator/instructor for the Illinois Statewide Health/Fitness Project. Three workshops were conducted during the summer, training approximately 60 public school teachers in the use of FITNESSGRAM fitness assessment instrument, pedometers and a newly developed on-line data management system. Dr. Beth Verner, also of the School of Kinesiology and Recreation, served as Project Director.

Dr. Gilbert was a contributor to a feature article published in the August 2004, Journal of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, entitled "No, you do not HAVE to run today, you GET to run." Also, Jennie was a contributor of 4 chapters to the newly published (August 2004) second edition of the Physical Best Teacher's Guide: Physical Education for Lifelong Fitness, Human Kinetics, Champaign, IL.

the Illinois Waste Management and Research Center. The first, Total Cost of Ownership for Metalworking Fluids, presents their research on a cost accounting approach to understanding the financial impact of metalworking fluids on manufacturing plants. The second, Chemical Management Services: Focused Studies, presents their research on market barriers to innovative chemical supply strategies.

Dr. Frank Waterstraat began a one-year term as president of the Illinois Health Information Management Association on July 1, 2004.

Dr. Rod Simmons delivered an invited presentation, "The Risk Assessment Matrix in the Healthcare and Medical Device Arenas," and also chaired a technical session at the 22nd International System Safety Conference in Providence, RI August 1-6, 2004.

Dr. Rod Simmons delivered an invited presentation, "Background on Risk for Task-based Safety Assessment," at the Injury Control Workshop jointly sponsored by the United Auto Workers and the automobile manufacturers in Detroit June 15-16.

School of Information Technology

The School of Information Technology has three new faculty this fall. They are:

Dr. Matthew Kuofie. Dr. Kuofie was a visiting professor at ITK last year. He has a Ph.D. in Systems Engineering with a concentration in Computer Science/Software Engineering from Oakland University. Before joining ITK, he taught computer science and information systems courses at the University of Michigan. Prior to that, he taught various computer courses for Lawrence Technological University and was President and CEO of Systems Solutions International.

James R. Wolf Jr. Mr. Wolf joins us from The Ohio State University. He is currently in the final stages of completing his Ph.D. in Management Information Systems. Prior to joining the ITK faculty, he was a teaching and research assistant at Ohio State. He has also worked as an Assistant Professor of MIS, as a data modeler for COMSYS Technical Services, and as a Systems Analyst for AT&T and Bell Atlantic.

Dr. Terry Dennis. Dr. Dennis is the new Director of the School of Information Technology. He joined ITK from Dakota State University, where he served as Director of the Center of Excellence in Information Systems, Dean of the College of Business and Information Systems, and Coordinator of the MSIS graduate program. During that time, DSU was certified as a National Center of Educational Excellence in Information Assurance by the National Security Agency. Dr. Dennis has a Ph.D. from Purdue University and has over thirty years of teaching experience and also served as a department chair and/or Associate Dean at three different universities.

Dr. David Doss and Mr. Richard Fulton both retired this year. Dr. Doss served as the Interim Director of the School for the last two years. He is retiring with twenty-years of service. Mr. Fulton taught in ITK/ACS for 12 years. They will be missed. Dr. H. Joseph Wen has taken a year’s leave of absence and will work as a Department Chair at Southeast Missouri State University.

In September, the School will be dedicating the new Caterpillar Laboratory for Advanced Computing, which is nearing completion. The laboratory will include a smart classroom, a teaching lab, and five research offices/labs. The School and CAST wish to thank Caterpillar for their continued support of the School and its programs.

School of Kinesiology and Recreation

Dr. Chad McEvoy presented "Variable Pricing in Baseball: Is it Worth it?" and "Beyond the Economic Impact Study: Examining Economic Impact Data for Support of the Third Law of Demand" June 3, 2004 at the annual conference of the North American Society for Sport Management in Atlanta, Georgia.

At the 2004 Meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine held last June in Indianapolis, Dr. Steve McCaw (KNR) along with former KNR colleague Dr. Ty Hopkins and current colleague Dr. Todd McLoda presented the paper A comparison of ankle muscle activity following sudden ankle inversion during walking and standing. Dr. McCaw was one of three presenters in the symposium Biomechanics of Lower Extremity Functional Exercise: Rehabilitation and Neuromuscular Considerations. Dr. McCaw’s topic was Lower extremity muscle activity during common open and closed chain lower extremity exercises. At the meeting, Dr. McCaw was reappointed to a term on the editorial board of Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise, the official journal of ACSM.

At the 2004 Meeting of the National Athletic Trainer’s Association held in June in Baltimore, current graduate student Jason Adolph presented the paper Lower extremity joint kinematics differ between high school and college female athletes during drop landings, co-authored with Drs. McCaw and Hopkins and KNR instructor Saori Hanaki.
Mr. Todd Johnson and Dr. Ken Stier made a refereed presentation entitled "University and Industry Partnerships: Introducing the Manufacturing Student to Lean Production" at the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Manufacturing Technology Conference in Dearborn, Michigan on August 10th. They also toured the Ford Rouge Plant where the F-150 trucks are made as part of the conference activities.

On September 1, Michael Daugherty was awarded a $280,000 grant from the Illinois State Board of Education to continue work on the Connections/High Schools That Work Project. This project provides technical assistance and professional development to school districts throughout the State of Illinois.

Dr. Chris Merrill had a refereed manuscript titled Action Research and Technology Education published in the May/June 2004 issue of The Technology Teacher.

Drs. Chris Merrill and Louis Reifschneider received the 2004 Husky/Society of Plastics Engineers educational award in the amount of $5,000. The grant is intended to fund a two-year website where a WebQuest will be housed for 9-12 grade students in technology and science classes. The WebQuest will contain six content areas ranging from sports and recreation to construction technology. The focus of the WebQuest is how plastics are used in the real-world as they relate to these content areas. The WebQuest will contain student information, tasks, and content, while the teacher section will contain the evaluation components and additional resources. This is a worldwide project for all students interested in plastics technology.

Dr. Dan Wilson served as contributing writer for the 6th edition of the GATF Web Offset Curriculum, published by GATFPress. The curriculum, comprised of an instructor manual, student manual, and CD-ROM support materials, uses Wilson's Web Offset Press Operating textbook as its main reference. The curriculum is the only of its kind and is used by high volume printers throughout North America. The curriculum is recommended by The National Council for Skill Standards in Graphic Communications (NCSS/GC) as preparation for web press operator certification.


Dr. Dan Wilson served on the Print & Graphics Scholarship Foundation (PGSF) selection committee. The committee distributed $350,000 to collegiate graphic communications students. One ISU graphic communications student, Patrick Kelley, was awarded a $1000.00 renewable scholarship.

The Construction Management program of the Department of Technology was awarded initial accreditation for five years by the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE). There are currently 57 ACCE accredited four-year construction science/management programs in the United States. More information on ACCE accreditation can be found at www.acce-hq.org.

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